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CROP PRODUCTION – JULY 2016

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of July 1, 2016, is forecast at 10.38 million bushels, according to the July 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 9 percent from the June 1 forecast, but 27 percent below the 14.14 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 97,000 acres, is 43,000 acres less than the 140,000 acres harvested in 2015. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 107.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the June 1 forecast and 6.0 bushels above last year's final yield.

As of July 3, Arizona producers had harvested 75 percent of this year's durum wheat crop, compared with 72 percent last year and the 5-year average of 66 percent.

Barley production is forecast at 1.88 million bushels, down 2 percent from the 2015 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 15,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from the 16,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 125.0 bushels per acre, 5.0 bushels per acre above last year.

As of July 3, Arizona producers had harvested 75 percent of this year's barley crop, compared with 76 percent last year and the 5-year average of 78 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production is forecast at 82.8 million bushels, up less than 1 percent from 2015. The United States yield is forecast at 39.8 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.08 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2016 but up 10 percent from last year.

Barley production is forecast at 183 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 70.9 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.58 million acres, is unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2016 but down 17 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.